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Attn : Deputy Director (Administration)
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Deputy Assistant Director for Communications
Temporary Lodging Allowance

1. As requested by you in our conference this morning, the suggestion pertaining to a temporary lodging allowance for personnel returning to duty in the United States from overseas is forwarded herein.
2. Present practices of the Agency provide that people assigned from Headquarters to an overseas post or from one overseas post to another are granted a "temporary lodging allowance" at the point of destination which may continue for as long as 90 days. It is understood that the purpose of this allowance is to reimburse the individual for the additional expenses which are bound to occur while living in hotels and out of suitcases awaiting the arrival of furniture and other personal effects.
3. In conversations with various people being transferred PCS to Headquarters from overseas, it appears there is no provision for a similar allowance despite the fact that they are faced with exactly the same problem of living out of suitcases and in temporary lodgings until the arrival of effects from overseas.
4. The past experience of personnel attached to this Office indicates that it is the exception rather than the rule when household effects are received in the United States from overseas in less than six months. A man with a family faces a real problem when transferred to the expensive Washington area as he must get along for three or more months with only the clothing and personal effects that he is able to bring with him or have air-shipped.
5. It is requested that steps be taken to ascertain whether or not it would be possible for the Agency to recognize that the problems encountered in assignment from duty abroad to duty in the Continental United States are the same as those encountered in assignment to any overseas post, and that as a matter of practice a temporary lodging allowance be granted to personnel transferred PCS to the Washington area from overseas.

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